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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0022] on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

-- [0022] My invention also contemplates a method for protecting the exterior stainless steel layer of the cooking utensil from the electrolyte during the micro arc oxidation process. The exposed surfaces of stainless steel are protected by rubber ~~marking~~ masking or the like to protect the base metal against chemical attack during the process. Such masking techniques are well-known in the anodizing and wet plating art. --